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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were mostly unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with post holiday orders providing the best movement. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate, instances barely adequate. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short for the light demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were adjusted to reflect current market conditions. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good for post holiday orders with feature activity providing the best interest. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to well balanced for the larger sizes and fully adequate for the lighter weights. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were light as breakers assess additional needs for later in the week. Schedules full-time to instances over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	90-92
LARGE	86-94	88-91
MEDIUM	67-73	70-72

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	69-76	71
MEDIUM	50-54	52
SMALL	37-39	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's pricing. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate or available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the light demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	70-85	74-77

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with post holiday feature activity moving some extra product. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were light as breakers assess additional needs for later in the week. Schedule full-time to instances over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were barely adequate to balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the light demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	72.5-80	73-77

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment entering the week was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	82-86

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices adjusted to reflect changes in terms. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was fairly good for post holiday orders. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to in good balance for the larger sizes and usually fully adequate for mediums.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-100	94-96
LARGE	91-100	92-95
MEDIUM	72-81	75-77

Effective January 5, 2004, the "Daily Chicago Eggs" report is being expanded to include store door marketing in the Midwest region (IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA) in an effort to broaden the coverage of store door egg markets in the Midwest. The report title is changing to, "Daily Chicago and Midwest Eggs" and separate comments will be provided for the Chicago metropolitan area and for the Midwest.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 86.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	106

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-349	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	289-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	239-299	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	199-299	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 09, 2004 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 02, 2004 were 213,622 cases which was 26 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	173,838	39,784	213,622

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	-30	-3	-26

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were light as breakers assess additional needs for later in the week. Schedules full-time to instances over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	62-66	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	50-58	52

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.61

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.5	8.5-9.5	8.95

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 05, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	17.6	6.9	11.6	11.9
	Change	1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-3.2	-0.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	45.1	13.5	21.6	27.0
	Change	2.6	-3.1	0.9	6.5	2.0
Large	Curr Wk	42.7	115.2	78.3	76.7	89.6
	Change	6.2	-13.4	-5.0	12.0	7.8
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	42.8	13.3	27.6	30.2
	Change	3.7	-3.2	1.5	0.1	-6.2
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.1	4.3	3.8	6.3
	Change	1.9	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.4
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	28.6	10.9	20.0	7.0
	Change	-0.8	4.5	3.1	0.3	0.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.0	57.2	15.8	33.0	35.4
	Change	7.9	18.4	2.1	14.3	-0.3
Total	Curr Wk	118.4	311.6	143.0	194.3	207.4
Percent	Change	24%	1%	1%	18%	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg			974.7		7%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			309.1		10%	36
Total Shell Egg			1,283.8		7%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
	NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC
	95.4	309.4	141.1	164.4	203.9
<b>SUMMARY</b>					914.2

## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2004.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	*****Not Available*****			

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 5, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	*****Not Available*****			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 02, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							15.00	FUTURE LOADS							10.00	TOTAL LOADS							25.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	73.00	—	—	75.00	—	—	7.00		GL W XL	—	87.00	—	—	—	89.25		5.00						
GNR W 2	73.00	—	—	75.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	87.25		2.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	51.50	52.50	—	—	2.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	70.50		1.00						
GL W XL	—	—	86.00	88.00	79.00	—	6.00		NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—		3.00						
GL W LG	—	—	84.00	85.00	77.25	—	3.00																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	2.00																
GL W SM	—	—	53.00	55.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/29/03-01/02/04

CURRENT LOADS 76.75								FUTURE LOADS 56.50				TOTAL LOADS 133.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	74.50	78.75	74.00	75.67	—	74.00	22.00	GNR BR 1	—	99.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 2	72.00	62.00	—	74.00	58.00	60.50	5.00	GL W J	87.00	—	—	—	—	88.12	3.25		
GNR W 4	—	—	51.50	52.67	49.50	—	3.00	GL W XL	80.00	87.00	—	—	—	89.00	17.00		
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	108.00	—	—	.50	GL W LG	73.00	—	—	—	—	86.71	15.50		
GNR BR 1	98.00	100.50	107.00	107.33	—	105.00	7.00	GL W MD	62.00	—	61.00	—	—	70.22	9.50		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	78.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W XL	—	91.00	86.50	89.10	78.99	—	37.25										
GL W LG	—	—	82.83	85.22	76.79	—	24.25										
GL W MD	69.00	67.75	—	68.36	61.81	62.50	24.25										
GL W SM	—	—	49.00	50.67	46.00	49.80	4.25										
NRBS - 48	—	67.00	—	—	—	65.00	10.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	5.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/29/03	12/22/03	12/30/02
PACIFIC COAST	208	208	464
LOS ANGELES	126	126	407

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

UNAVAILABLE

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	112.63
LARGE	111.63
MEDIUM	90.63
SMALL	74.00

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